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14 June 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proxy Marriage

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1. On 11 June 1966 I spoke to [redacted] relative to the problem of arranging the proxy marriage for [redacted] advised that he and [redacted] had searched the laws of all of the states on the east coast and were unable to find any state which would entertain a proxy marriage. I then advised [redacted] to continue his search going westward but to try to find a state as near as possible.

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2. On 13 June 1966 I called [redacted] advised that he has found two states which will in all probability entertain proxy marriages. These two states are Kansas and Oklahoma. [redacted] stated that he called the clerk of the probate court in Kansas City and the clerk advised him that such marriages are performed in Kansas and further advised him to call an attorney, one [redacted] who could arrange such a marriage for him. I advised [redacted] to go ahead with this call and to try to find out all the particulars including any residence requirement which might have to be complied with.

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3. I had earlier on 13 June 1966 spoken to [redacted] and in generally discussing the matter we decided that we would attempt to find one state where we know that the proxy marriage could be performed and contact [redacted] and at that point she could decide whether or not she wanted to go to the state and have the proxy marriage or proceed to [redacted] I think this is the only reasonable way to handle the matter because the expense of making telephonic inquiries in all farther western states could not be justified in the light of the particular circumstances of this case.

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